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TAGS: BEXP, SENV, SCUL, XX, RP

SUBJ: EXPO '74

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1. PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

OVER WEEKEND ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY

ON RADIO AND TV ITS PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '74.

2. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO WEEKEND EMBOFF WAS CONTACTED

CONCERNING RUMOR OF EXPO POSTPONEMENT AND CONVEYED REASSURANCE

THAT REPORT ALMOST CERTAINLY FALSE. CONFIRMATION BASED

ON REFTEL A HAS NOW BEEN CONVEYED, ALSO.

3. HEAD OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS OFFICE IN DEPARTMENT OF

TRADE, MRS. CAUGMA, REMAINS CONCERNED THAT EXPO '74 MIGHT

FLOP IF GAS SHORTAGE CURTAILS HOLIDAY VISITORS. THIS

CONCERN STIMULATED BY REPORTS OF PHILIPPINE EXHIBITORS

IN RECENT DALLAS SHOW THAT ATTENDANCE DISAPPOINTING, AND

PROBABLY EXACERBATED BY WEEKEND NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF PERSONNEL

LAYOFFS AT DISNEY WORLD OWING TO SAGGING ATTENDANCE.

MRS. CAUGMA, WHO WAS OUT OF COUNTRY WHILE PHILIPPINE

APPROVAL PENDING, CLEARLY HAS MISGIVINGS AT ENORMOUS

UNDERTAKING REQUIRED IN LAST-MINUTE EFFORT WHICH WOULD BE

NEGATED IF EXPO ATTENDANCE CURTAILED.

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4. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT EXPO MANAGEMENT IS MAKING CONTINGENCY  
PLANS FOR ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION TO MOVE  
ATTENDEES INTO SPOKANE IF GASOLINE SHORTAGE PERSISTS. IF  
SO, ANY DETAILS WHICH MIGHT BE PASSED TO DEPARTMENT OF TRADE  
WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PREVENTING CHANGE OF HEART.  
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